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RAINFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR

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Council Offices,

RAINFORD.

September, 1967.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
RAINFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the 36th Annual Report on the Welfare of Rainford for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

I am most happy to report that the health of the community has been satisfactory during the year.

The adjusted birth rate has shown an increase being 21.2 per thousand population compared with 19.1 for the previous year. This is in excess of the rate for England and Wales (17.7). There were 155 births compared with 134 in 1965.

There were 72 deaths from various causes giving a rate per thousand of the population of 14.7.

There were 2 infant deaths during the year giving an infant mortality rate of 12.9 per thousand live births. The rate for England and Wales being 19.0. There were no stillbirths notified. Two maternal deaths occurred during the year, the first reported since 1948.

I am pleased to report that there were no cases notified of Diphtheria, Polio-myelitis or Tuberculosis.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

F.W. BUNTING.

Medical Officer of Health.

3. STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,877
Registrar General's estimates of population mid-1966	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,370
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1966) according to Rate Book	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,340
Rateable Value	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	£186,258
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2729

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births				Deaths All Causes		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality	
No. Registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n			No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births.	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births
Year 1966	155	21.2		72	14.7	-	Nil	2	12.9
" 1965	134	19.1		54	11.5	1	7.4	Nil	Nil
" 1964	125	18.3		54	11.8	3	23.4	Nil	Nil
" 1963	125	18.7		56	12.5	4	31.0	Nil	Nil
" 1962	100	15.8		44	10.5	4	38.5	Nil	Nil
" 1961	125	20.3		66	13.7	5	38.5	Nil	Nil
Average 5 yrs. 1961 - 1965	18.4				12.0		27.7		Nil

INFANT MORTALITY

Total				Neo-Natal	
No of. deaths registered.		Rate per 1,000 live births		No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1966	2	12.9		2	12.9
" 1965	2	14.9		1	7.5
" 1964	1	8		Nil	Nil
" 1963	3	24		3	24
" 1962	1	10		1	10
" 1961	2	16		2	16
Average 5 yrs. 1961 - 1965.		14.6			11.5

Adjusted live birth rate (Comparability factor 0.87) - 21.2 per 1,000
Adjusted death rate (Comparability factor 1.30) - 14.7

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DETAILS OF VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Total	M	F
Legitimate	154	84	70
Illegitimate	1	1	-
TOTAL	155	85	70

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1966 - 21.2

Deaths	Total	M	F
TOTAL	72	29	43

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1966 - 14.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - 2
Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - 12.9

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE - 12.9

All infants per 1,000 live births - 12.9

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age - 2
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births - 12.9

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age - 2
Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births - 12.9

PERI-NATAL MORTALITY

Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week - 2
Per-natal mortality rate per 1,000 total births - 12.9

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1966 FOR ENGLAND
AND WALES

Birth and death rates, together with case rates for certain infectious
diseases for England and Wales in the year 1966

Provisional figures based on Registrar General's Weekly and Quarterly
Returns

Estimated home population mid-1966 - 48,075,300

<u>Births</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 home population</u>
Live births	850,000	17.7
Stillbirths	13,300	(0.28 (15.4(a)
<u>Deaths</u>		
All causes	563,626	11.7
Tuberculosis (all forms)	2,353	0.048
Respiratory	2,090	0.043
Non-respiratory	263	0.005
Cancer (all forms)	108,142	2.25
Lung and bronchus	27,019	0.56
Other cancer	81,123	1.69
Maternal mortality (total)	223	0.26(a)
Maternal causes (excluding abortion)	169	0.20(a)
Due to abortion	54	0.06(a)
Infant mortality	16,147	19.0 (b)
Neo-natal mortality	10,934	12.9 (b)
Early neo-natal mortality	9,447	11.1 (b)
Perinatal mortality	22,747	26.3 (a)
<u>Notifications (corrected)</u>		
Typhoid fever	111	0.002
Paratyphoid fever	130	0.003
Meningococcal infection	405	0.008
Scarlet fever	21,231	0.442
Whooping cough	19,386	0.402
Diphtheria	19	0.000
Erysipelas	1,360	0.028
Smallpox	62	0.001
Measles	343,708	7.149
Acute pneumonia	8,027	0.167
Acute poliomyelitis -		
Paralytic	17	0.000
Non-paralytic	4	0.000
Acute encephalitis -		
Infective	84	0.002
Post infectious	114	0.002
Dysentery	21,420	0.446
Food poisoning	5,417	0.113
Puerperal pyrexia	8,913	0.185
Tuberculosis		
Respiratory	12,372	0.257
Meninges & C.N.S.	99	0.002
Other	2,145	0.045
Anthrax	10	0.000

(a) Per 1,000 total (live and still) births
(b) Per 1,000 live births.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

There have been no major changes in the General Health Services during the year.

The Child Welfare and Ante-natal clinics which are run by the Lancs. County Council continue to be much appreciated by mothers in Rainford and are well attended.

IMMUNISATION

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

This is the responsibility of the local Divisional Health Committee. Immunisation is available against diphtheria alone, or against diphtheria and whooping cough, or against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus by the use of combined vaccines.

Poliomyelitis

Children under 15 who have completed course of immunisation	186
Persons over 15 years who completed course of immunisation	111
Children under 15 years who received one dose only	2
Persons over 15 years who received one dose only	111
Children under 15 years who received two doses only	3
Persons over 15 years who received two doses only	111
4th Booster (oral given to children 5 - 11	106
Booster - persons over 15 years	111

DYSENTERY

No case of dysentery notified during the year.

SCARLET FEVER

There were 2 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Statutory Water Undertaker is St. Helens Corporation. The Council have one representative on the Joint Board. Supply of water to the area is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

SEWERAGE AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AND SEWAGE TREATMENT

Crank & Berrington's Lane Scheme. Work is now complete.

Relief Sewer. A Relief Sewer is necessary in the village to sewer the land zoned for development. Some has now been completed.

CLOSET ASSOCIATION

Type

Pails	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Wet closets with ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Dry Ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fresh Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,433
Ashbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,372

PUBLIC CLEANING

This continues to be one of the Council's biggest problems due to the scattered nature of the district and the distance away from the main tip. Expenditure is high and increased housing continues to make the position more difficult.

Suitable type of labour is difficult to obtain and hired haulage is employed to help out, when necessary.

There are seasonal increases in the contents of the bins with the consequence that bin collecting and privy emptying have to suffer.

ASHPIT PRIVY CONVERSION

There were 2 conversions (privies) to fresh water closets during the year.

1 existing property was connected to the new sewer at North End, and 99 new dwellings connected to the sewerage system.

HOUSING

The Council have purchased 11 acres of land of which approximately 5 acres is suitable for building. Plans are in course of preparation for 16 1-Bed. Bungalows, 8 2-Bed. Bungalows and 32 3-Bed. Houses. They are also considering the erection of dwellings on site of former cooking depot in Alfred Street and gardens in Eden Avenue.

ROBERT CONTRACT.

Routine inspections of farms and premises throughout the district are carried out and action taken where necessary.

FACILITIES ACT, 1961.

Premises	No. on Register.	Inspections
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	15	31
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	8	19
TOTAL	23	50

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Shops

The Shops Act, 1934 and Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences are administered by the Urban District Council.

Number of Food Premises, by type, registered in the District at
31st December, 1966.

Type of Business	No. registered at 31. 12. 64.	No of inspections of registered premises during the year.
Grocery and General	19	39
Butchers Shops	2	4
Fish and Chip	2	4
Fish and Fruit	1	2
Baker and Confectionery	1	2

Disposal of Condemned Food

(a) Carcase Meat A certificate of disposal is obtained from the butcher and the carcase is sent by him to a specialist firm who make up condemned meat into purposes other than for human consumption.

(b) Other Foods These are disposed of on the Council refuse tip and buried to a suitable depth.

Slaughterhouse and meat inspections

One slaughterhouse was in operation during the year and regular inspection of this and the carcasses were made. Duties in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, are being carried out.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
No. killed.	191	620	35
No. inspected	191	620	35
Tuberculosis only -			
Carcasses of which some			
part or organ was			
condemned.	-	-	-
All diseases except tuber-			
culosis & Cysticerci -			
Carcasses of which some			
part or organ was condemned.	5	12	-

Milk Supply

Milk samples are taken by the Lancashire County Council.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the total number of notifications of infectious diseases received was 71.

WHOOPING COUGH

There were no cases of whooping cough notified during the year.

MEASLES

There was a decrease in the number of cases of measles notified. 69 cases were notified compared with 92 cases during the previous year.

SCARLET FEVER

2 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were notified during the year and it is now 21 years since a case was notified in the district.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TABLE OF NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1966.

Notifiable Diseases	Total cases at all ages	Age Periods - Years									
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & Over	Age Unknown
Smallpox											
Scarlet Fever	2					2					
Diphtheria (Including membranous croup)											
Enteria or Typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid)											
Measles (excluding rubella)	69	-	20	24	24	1					
Whooping Cough											
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal)											
Puerperal pyrexia											
Meningococcal infection											
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic											
Non-Paralytic											
Acute Eberthallitis											
Infective											
Post infectious											
Dysentery											
Ophthalmia neonatorum											
Erysipelas											
(contracted											
Malaria (in England											
(and Wales											
(Abroad											
Food poisoning											
Any other diseases notifiable in District e.g.											
Chicken-Pox; paratyphoid											
Total	71	-	20	24	24	3					

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TUBERCULOSIS

During the year there were no new cases of Tuberculosis and no deaths occurring from Tuberculosis.

Following the inception of the National Health Service Act, 1948, treatment became the responsibility of the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

Full co-operation exists with the Tuberculosis Officer covering the Rainford Area.

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